

No. # 53002-3-II

STATE OF WASHINGTON

Respondent

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v.

AARON JASON THOMAS

Appellant

Additional Ground 1

• [Ineffective Assistance of Counsel]

Trial attorney, Mr. Arcuri sought clarification from Juror # 8, Ronald Strabbing about his "close-Friendships" with either the prosecutors, defense attorneys, or other people in the judicial system. (Pg. 45 - paragraph 20, 21, 22).

Juror # 8, Ronald Strabbing clearly stated "yes" that he personally knew the prosecutor. (Pg. 45 parag 23).

When asked if it was trial prosecutor Petersen (Pg. 45 - parag 24).

Juror # 8, Ronald Strabbing stated - "NO" that he knew prosecutor Katie Svoboda" (Pg. 45 parag 25).

It should be noted and seen, that prosecutor Katie Svoboda is the P.A. for the County of Grays Harbor and prosecutor Petersens Superior. Also



it should be seen, that prosecutor Katie Svoboda is an active party in the charging document of the charged crime of (felony violation of a no-contact order) against me.

I truly believe that because trial attorney, Mr. Arcuri's clear neglect to challenge Juror # 8, Ronald Strabbing as being, or becoming a potential Juror at trial — especially after questioning Juror # 8, Ronald Strabbing of his "close relationships" between the state and the court, clearly caused my rights to a fair and unbiased trial to be violated. Also, no reasonable trial attorney would have allowed a potential Juror who claimed to have a "close friendship" with the state prosecutor, and who worked with the same court that was currently condemning their client. (pg. 46 parag 1, 2, 3, 4).

I AARON J. THOMAS respectfully requests that this court reverse and remand my sentence.

Sincerely, AARON J. THOMAS

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Additional Ground 2

• [Due process]

I truly believe that because of the "close-friendship" that existed between JUROR # 8, Ronald Strabbing and P.A. Katie Svoboda of GRAYS Harbor County; and the "close connection" of JUROR # 8, Ronald Strabbings relation of having "worked for 35 years as TREASURER" for the same court/county that I was being condemned by, (pg. 46 Parag 1, 2, 3, 4), has clearly caused a violation of my [Due process] and a constitutional right to a fair and unbiased trial.

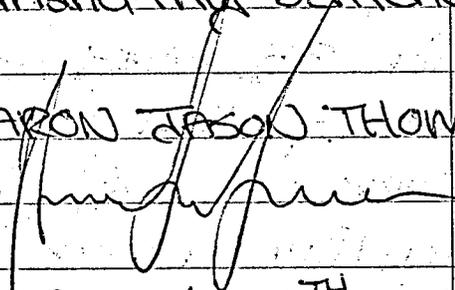
I have had my rights clearly violated and have been taken advantage of by the manifested neglect by both the court and the state prosecutors: By the court and state, because it clearly OVERLOOKED JUROR # 8, Ronald Strabbings open testimony of his "close-friendships" with P.A. Katie

Svoboda and the Grays Harbor Court house, (pg. 46 - parag 1, 2, 3, 4). It should also be noted and seen that trial Judge, Stephen E. Brown, P.A. Katie Svoboda, and prosecutor Petersen all work for the same court/county Juror #8 Ronald Straldbing claimed to have "close contact" with, (pg. 45 - parag 25; pg. 46 - parag 1, 2, 3, 4).

Also, No reasonable trial Judge would have allowed a potential Juror who had openly claimed to have a "close relationship" with both the State prosecutor and the county court house He had worked for over 35 years, to have been selected as a Juror.

And because of this clear violation,
I AARON J. THOMAS respectfully requests
that this court reverse and remand my sentence.

Sincerely, AARON JASON THOMAS


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